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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION (REQUESTED REFTEL) WHICH MAY BE USED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT TOURE'S COMMENTS REGARDING SEA DEVELOPMENTS:

A. SOUTH VIETNAM. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE OR TWO AREAS, THE LEVEL OF INCIDENTS COUNTRYWIDE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHED SINCE THE JUNE 13 COMMUNIQUE. TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SVN PARTIES CONTINUE, BUT PROGRESS IN RESOLVING THEIR COMPLEX PROBLEMS IS SLOW. HOWEVER, OVERALL, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE DECREASE IN MILITARY ACTION SINCE JUNE 13.

B. LAOS. IN LAOS THE CEASEFIRE HAS BEEN ALMOST TOTALLY EFFECTIVE WHILE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS TO FORM A COALITION GOVERNMENT AND SETTLE OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES ARE WELL UNDERCONFIDENTIAL

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- C. CAMBODIA. UNFORTUNATELY, FIGHTING CONTINUES IN CAMBODIA. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC LAUNCHED A MAJOR INITIATIVE FOR A CEASEFIRE AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH ITS DECLARATION OF JULY 6. THE GKR STATEMENT CALLS FOR RECONVENING OF THE ICC, URGES RESPECT FOR ARTICLE 20 OF THE VIETNAM AGREEMENT AND OFFERS TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "OTHER SIDE" TO NEGOTIATE A CEASEFIRE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.
- 2. THE UNITED STATES WELCOMED THE GKR STATEMENT AND SUPPORTS STRONGLY THE CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE IN CAMBODIA. WE HOPE THAT OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES WILL GIVE THIS OFFER SERIOUS AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.
- 3. FOR YOUR FURTHER INFORMATION AND USE, WE ARE SENDING SEPARATELY THE TEXT OF THE GKR STATEMENT (PHNOM PENH'S 6786), THE EMBASSY TRANSLATION (PHNOM PENH 6784) AND DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THIS GKR INITIATIVE (STATE 133534). ROGERS

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